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18	Rajasthan	1774429	130890	1745491	143113
19	Tamil Nadu	2879569	188022	2757317	9133
20	Uttaranchal	365287	0	366325	0
21	Uttar Pradesh	2881533	2501	2718950	16190
22	West Bengal	1235317	45	1243856	59
23	Kolkata	1357265	6900	1357594	21307
24	Chennai	985479	4354	1009258	19134
TOTAL:		35859482	1187236	35422889	721849

* The information is only in respect of landlines. Wireless in Local Loop (WLL) and GSM Mobile connections have not been included.

Standard limit of radio-waves for mobiles

296. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set certain standard permissible limit of radio-waves for the mobiles;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons for not setting limits for emission of radio-wave for mobile phones?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) to (c) The International Commission on Non-Ionising Radiation Protection (ICNIRP) of World Health Organisation (WHO) has recommended a standard limit for safety of health from wireless/electromagnetic radiations.

A committee was set up by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, under the Chairmanship of Director General, Indian Council of Medical Research, for preliminary study on health hazards due to mobile towers.

The Committee had extensive discussions and has opined that, overall, there is not enough evidence to show direct health hazards of RF exposures from mobile base stations.